(c) The Archaeological Survey of India's primary responsibility is to protect and conserve the protected monuments and sites. However tourist facilities like drinking water, toilets etc. have been provided in some of the monuments.

(d) to (f) No, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India endeavours to provide maintenance and repairs to all its protected monuments within the available man-power and financial resources.

Development of Baldevjiu Temple in Orissa

191. SHRIRAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request for financial assistance has been received by Government for proper maintenance of 16th century Baldevjiu Temple in Keonjhar District in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction on the request; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to provide adequate funds for maintenance of the temple and to develop it as a pilgrimage keeping in view arrival of lakhs of pilgrims to the temple from all over the country?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The temple is protected by the State Government, who are responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. The Archaeological Survey of India does not, as a norm, provide assistance to state Protected Monuments.

Maintenance of World Heritage Sites by Corporate Houses

192. PROF. (SHRTMATi) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India has adopted a Corporate House like the Tatas to maintain the Taj Mahal;

(b) whether any other country all over the world has adopted its Corporate Houses for handling their World Heritage site;

(c) whether it has sent a wrong message that ASI cannot conserve and protect the Taj; and